

Liberty, Bedford Co., Va.

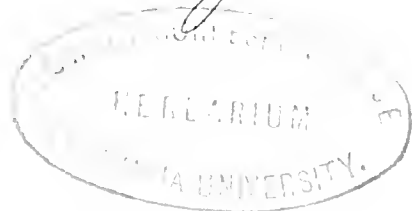
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Dr. Porrey:

Dear Sir, Since my return from the North I have been very busily engaged in selecting and arranging specimens for mounting in my new Herbarium, which I think I shall be able to complete this winter provided I can obtain the proper supply of materials. Knowing your willingness to aid young students of the science like myself, and that you are perfectly posted in everything pertaining thereto, I venture to ask you to do me one great favor, provided you can do so with but very little trouble to yourself, namely, to purchase for me a quantity of Herbarium paper.

I shall send two or three thousand
species sheets, and genus covers,
both of the quality you prefer.
I shall be greatly obliged to you
therefore if you will write me
the price of each, per thousand sheets,
and, if you cannot personally
attend to this purchase, the address
of dealers who can furnish them.
I would prefer to send you the
money then you select the paper
& order it forwarded, but, if
you cannot do so conveniently,
I shall be thankful for any information.
Prof. Eaton kindly furnished me
about 600 sheets last Winter from
his own stock, but as I suppose
he obtains his paper from N. York,
I presume he would not be able
to aid me to the large quantity I
want now. When you write
will you please tell me whether
you poison the under side of

specimens, and whether you apply
the solution immediately before drying
or allow it to dry on first
- Hoping you will not think me too
importunate, & that I may be
able to make you some return
in the way of collecting. I am
Very truly & respectfully yours
A. A. Curtis.



Dr. H. C. Curtis